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MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.13 RECEIVED

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated May 14, 2003 to November 14, 2003 (Applicants filed a two-month extension in the amount of \$420.00 with the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed October 7, 2003).

A check for the statutory fee of \$530.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is

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